

House Resolution No. 837

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pleasure in honoring an outstanding Missouri couple whose marriage has attained a significant milestone; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Junior E. Bland lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Leola W. Messick, during a solemn ceremony on April 2, 1953, in El Dorado Springs, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Junior and Leola Bland have had the pleasure of raising two children, Karen Davis and Kathy Davis, and the privilege of spoiling three grandchildren; and

Whereas, Junior Bland, an individual who enjoys hunting and fishing, provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors as a farmer; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Leola Bland further distinguished herself as a banker and member of the Church of God Holiness in Black Jack; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Junior and Leola Bland have made a spirited effort to keep their relationship fresh and alive, and have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bland of Stockton will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on May 30, 2003, in El Dorado Springs:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Junior and Leola Bland and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Junior E. Bland.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 837, adopted March 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker